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FOR: PRETREATMENT LIQUID FOR RECORDING MATERIAL AND IMAGE
RECORDING METHOD USING THE PRETREATMENT LIQUID

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2003, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13 and 38, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-13 and 38, drawn to image recording method;

Group II: Claims 14-37, drawn to a pretreatment liquid; and

Group III: Claim 39, drawn to a recording medium.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13 and 38.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the pretreatment
liquid of Group II is used in the image recording method of Group I and is a component of the
recording medium of Group III. Accordingly, these groups should not be separated.